

SIGN & FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*WORKING TO IMPROVE THE
DOWNTOWN ...
ONE SHOP AT A TIME*

APPROVED PARTICIPANTS
CAN RECEIVE:

FAÇADE PROGRAM:

A rebate in funds of up to 1/3 of
approved total cost of the
improvements, up to maximum of
\$10,000!

SIGN PROGRAM:

A rebate in funds of up to 2/3 of
approved total cost of the
improvements, up to a maximum of
\$3,000!

TO:

Department of Planning and Economic Development
150 Concord Street, Room B-2
Framingham, MA 01702

DOWNTOWN FRAMINGHAM

SIGN AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



*You can improve the look of
your business or commercial
building!*

Funded through the
Town of Framingham's
**Community Development
Block Grant**

PROGRAM GOALS

- Encourage the rehabilitation of commercial building facades and signs; and
- Assist in the economic rehabilitation of our downtown and stimulate the economy.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Who is Eligible?

Property owners operating commercial business, service establishments or offices in the Downtown eligible area and merchants and storeowners (With proof of owner's approval)

Where is the Eligible Area?

Blighted properties in the designated area shown on the map below, plus those fronting on Waverly Street from the Natick line to Winter Street are potentially eligible.

WHAT TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

A guideline of eligible renovations can be obtained through the Framingham Department of Planning and Economic Development.

APPLICATION and PRE-APPROVAL

Interested businesses will be asked to submit an application package that includes the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Photos of Existing Conditions
- Non-refundable Application Fees

If the project is deemed eligible and meets the basic program criteria and guidelines, the Framingham Planning and Economical Development Department will determine whether design assistance is needed. If design assistance is determined it may be available on a shared cost basis, by an architect.

APPLICATION FEES

Façade: \$100.00

Sign: \$50.00

Non-refundable. Fees will be credited as private share upon completion of project to program satisfaction.

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Final project approval is based on the submission and evaluation of the following:

- Detailed plans & specifications (Owner/Tenant responsible for costs)
- Three contractors bids (Installation based on prevailing wages)
- Evidence of private financing
- Verification of all other criteria
- Appropriate permits obtained

If the project is not deemed eligible, the application may be revised or withdrawn. If withdrawn, the application fee is refunded.

For consultation leading to the preparation of conceptual drawings. Please call the ***Framingham Planning & Economic Development (508-620-4852)*** for more information.

ELIGIBLE TARGET AREA



For an application or more information please contact:

Framingham Planning & Economic Development

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